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### **DOT&PF extends time for nominating transportation funding projects**

(JUNEAU, Alaska) – The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is extending the period for nominating surface transportation projects for the state's "Needs List" to March 2. The deadline for commenting on the evaluation criteria used to prioritize these projects for incorporation in the 2010 – 2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is extended to March 2, as well.

The "Needs List" is the state maintained list of needed road, trail and harbor projects. Communities and citizens work with DOT&PF regional offices to nominate local transportation projects for inclusion on the "Needs List".

Once the department has received all comments and nominations; the criteria will be finalized and used to prioritize these local projects. A draft STIP is prepared listing those highest priority projects considered for funding with available federal funds.

The citizen's of Alaska will have another opportunity to comment on the projects selected when the draft STIP document is released for public comment. At this time, the department anticipates that the draft STIP will be available for public comment around May or June of this year.

Contact numbers and additional information on nominating projects and evaluating the criteria is available on the Department's web site at <http://dot.alaska.gov> .

This does not change the Roads to Resources deadline of Feb. 15 as previously announced.

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